

10 Days: Benjamin Franklin

Directions: As a group, use your 10 Days: Benjamin Franklin role sheets and your books to complete a timeline of Benjamin Franklin's life. Your timeline should include all of the events listed below. Each event should be marked by a month, day and year unless otherwise noted. Events that span multiple years should be labeled and highlighted on your timeline. You also must include the page number that the event is found on in your book. Each event is worth 2 points.

Mandatory Events:

- 1) Benjamin Franklin runs away from his apprenticeship with his brother and leaves Boston to make his way to Philadelphia.
- 2) Benjamin Franklin is born.
- 3) Benjamin Franklin arrives in London and learns that he had been tricked by Sir William Keith, Pennsylvania's governor.
- 4) The first edition of Benjamin Franklin's famous *Poor Richards Almanac* goes on sale.
- 5) Benjamin Franklin's theories about lightening and electricity are proven correct by a volunteer in Marly-la-Ville, France who is carrying out Franklin's famous lightening rod experiment.
- 6) Benjamin Franklin becomes an enemy of Thomas Penn when Franklin meets with him to discuss the rights of colonists living in Pennsylvania.
- 7) Parliament questions Benjamin Franklin about the colonists feeling toward England and the new taxes that Parliament has passed to pay off the debt caused by the French and Indian War.
- 8) Outline the years of the French and Indian War. (Years only-label and shade the timeline with a green highlighter)
- 9) The King's advisors, known as the Privy Council, interrogate Franklin and accuse him of treason after he admits that he made public letters that stirred colonist's anger toward England and lead to events like the Boston Tea Party.
- 10) Benjamin Franklin signs the Declaration of Independence.
- 11) *Common Sense* is Published (Year Only-label and shade with a yellow highlighter)
- 12) Benjamin Franklin convinces King Louis XVI of France to support the American Revolution by becoming allies with the United States.
- 13) Before signing the Constitution, Franklin gives a speech to the Constitutional Convention urging each of the attending delegates support the new government.
- 14) Benjamin Franklin Dies
- 15) Outline the years of the American Revolution. (Years only-label and shade the timeline with a blue highlighter)